pleased to state how far they have now progressed with the question of investing the Panchayats of the State with Civil Powers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—The Bill amending the Cochin Village Panchayat Regulation V of 1089, as amended by Regulation III of 1097 has been approved by the Legislative Council at the last meeting. As soon as the Bill becomes law, steps will be taken to group the Panchayats and constitute common Panchayat Courts to exercise jurisdiction over the areas of the Panchayats forming the group.

Enquiry into dismissal of some students of the Gothuruthi School.

442. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state —

(a) whether final orders were passed regarding the enquiry in connection with the dismissal of some students by the Manager of the Gothuruthi School;

(b) if so, what were the orders;

(c) if not, at what stage does the enquiry now stand?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The enquiry is over. The party has to be heard.

Action taken on the Resolution to authorise Members of the Legislative Council and the Municipalities to attest affidavits.

443. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what action they have taken regarding the resolution of this Council to authorise the Members of the Legislative Council and the Municipalities to attest Affidavits and Vakkalaths, etc., which was accepted by the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The resolution referred only to the attestaion of affidavits ; (please see page 102—Vol. III—part I—Third series of the Printed Cauncil Proceedings.) Government have given effect to the undertaking given in the Council—by amending Article 30—Civil Rules of Practice.

Guests invited for the Lunch and Dinner Parties on the occasion of the visit of Sir J. W. Bhore.

444. **Mr. Paul Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of guests invited for the Lunch and Dinner Parties at Bolghatty on the occasion of the visit of Sir J. W. Bhore;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly

(2) what was the cost for each of such parties ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The member is referred to question No. 340 of Kumbham meeting of 1108.

(2) Separate accounts for each function are not maintained.

Transforming Agriculture into a Machine Industry—prospects of.

445. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether during their Industrial Survey they will be looking into the prospects here of transforming our Agriculture into a Machine Industry ?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—Yes.

Action taken on token motions.

446. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) what action has been taken by the Government in regard to each of the token motions in the first meeting of the Legislative Session in the current year, after answering question No. 235 on the 14th February 1933 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The following were the objects of the token motions :—

(1) To raise the daily allowance of the inferior servants with particular reference to those of the Forest Department.

(2) That all staff quarters maintained out of public funds be thrown open to all non-officials of the Legislative Council without distinction of caste or creed.

(3) For further constitutional powers—appointment of ministers, etc.

Of these (1) the matter was again considered and recorded.

(2) There were only two staff-quarters not open to all. Of these, the one at Cranganur has been ordered to be abolished. With regard to the other at Vadakkancheri Government hope to come to a conclusion soon.

(3) Government are awaiting the report of the Franchise Committee to take further action.

Requests for new roads in Mangad.

447. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) whether a petition, dated 23rd Karkadagam 1106, from the inhabitants of Mangad regarding the opening of certain roads was received by the Government ;

(b) whether the matter was considered at the Road Board meeting held on the 21st and 22nd March 1932 ;

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly